

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 are amended, and claim 8 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Specifically, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 8, and claim 10 is amended to depend from claim 9. No new matter is added.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 8-10, 23, 24 and 27 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. As discussed above, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 8. Thus, claim 1 is allowable. Because claims 2-7 and 9-30 incorporate the features of claim 1, these claims also are allowable.

II. Rejections of the Claims

The claim rejections are rendered moot by the amendment to claim 1.

IV. Information Disclosure Statement

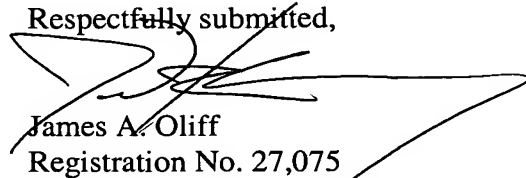
The Examiner is requested to consider the information submitted with the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:
Information Disclosure Statement

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